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NERVISM IN CLINICAL PRACTICE

As far as the current polemic on nervism (A. D. Speranskiy's theory) is concerned, several medical practitioners have communicated to Meditsinskiy Rabotnik clinical results, which, in their opinion, seem to confirm the fundamental thesis of nervism and feel justified in the application of therapeutic methods based on this theory. Thus, Physician P. F. Telenkov reports from Chita on the treatment of brucellosis in humans. He states that the progress and manifestations of this disease are determined from beginning to end by the nervous system. In Telenkov's opinion, an understanding of this facilitates the correct choice of the type of treatment to be applied.

Surgeon T. A. Grasmik, Nizhniy Tagil, reports on his research on the therapy of shock, tetanus, and other diseases. The results obtained in this research allegedly confirm Speranskiy's theory on the role of nonspecific irritants in pathogenesis and pathogenic conditions.

Candidate of Medical Sciences M. A. Vikker, Rostov on the Don, states that Speranskiy's conclusions are confirmed by his 15 years of successful treatment of gastric and duodenal ulcers, bronchial asthma, and several other diseases by the novocain-block method. In Vikker's opinion, the novocain block has not yet been accepted in general medical practice because most practicing physicians are unfamiliar with the application technique.

The oblast therapist of Polesk Oblast, M. S. Shvartsman, Mozyr' reports on his extensive and successful experience in treating croupous pneumonia according to Speranskiy in ambulatory field hospitals during World War II.

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